

Coins

An eye of prevention worth a pound of errors

By Roger Boye

THE PERSONS who print United States currency are hoping a newly installed "electronic eye" will prevent "upside-down bills" from ever being printed again.

As reported here early last month, more than 100 \$1 bills have been found in circulation with the serial numbers, Treasury seal, and material identifying the Federal Reserve district printed upside-down.

The "electronic eye" is supposed to stop the printing press if a sheet [each sheet contains 16

bills] is upside-down.

PRESIDENT-ELECT Carter will have more than one inaugural medal to send home to his mother, Miss Lillian, in Plains, Ga.

The Medallic Art Co. of Danbury, Conn., has been involved with the production of all "official" inaugural medals since 1929, except for Harry Truman's inauguration in 1949 and Richard Nixon's in 1973.

This year, the President-elect Carter Inaugural Committee declared that the Franklin Mint of Franklin Center, Pa., would produce the offi-

cial medal, not Medallic Art, because of financial considerations.

At any rate, Medallic Art has produced its own medal, even though it doesn't have the inaugural committee's "official" blessing. Ordering information for this medal is available by writing Medallic Art Co., Old Ridgebury Rd., Danbury, Conn. 06810.

For ordering information about the "official" medal, write Collector Services, Franklin Mint, Franklin Center, Pa. 19091.

The portrait of Carter on the official medal was done by sculptor Julian Harris of Atlanta.